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THE LAST CALL.

Three weeks ago we announced in this space that all subscribers in arrears after the 10th of November would be dropped from our list, and that all who would pay up by the first of November all back dues, and a dollar for another twelve months would get the paper to Jan uary 1st, 1893. Since making this announcement and proposition, we have received letters from several Secretaries, asking us to please give them two weeks more, and promising to see their brethren and secure their renewals if we would. As there have come so many of these requests and so urgent, we have decided to run the proposition to December 1st, 1891, after which time the paper will only go to paid up subscribers. We are anxious to do all we can for ther brotherhood, but we cannot run the paper without pay.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

- ** There is talk of building an Alli ance tobacco factory at Greensboro. A meeting was held a few days ago and the idea discussed.
- *** See notice of appointments by district and county lecturers in this issue. Read them and get ready to go to the speakings. Get your neighbors But to day peace reigns within our to go; it will do them all good.
- this fall.
- vote in Kansas this year was larger by | based on land or staple products. 15,000 than it was last year. But the marriage of the two old parties made | time when State banks were in exthem have the largest vote. Marriage istence. Currency was issued then to render its charter. Has either the fire his usual questions into the paper. is a wonderful thing, anyhow,
- ** Thomas Jefferson said that the national banks were more dangerous than standing armies. Jefferson did not live to see the banks as they now exist, but he knew the result. But then some will say that Jefferson was a demagogue.
- ** Salmon P. Chase said "the great est mistake of his life was his agency in procuring the passage of the national banking act. It was a mistake or something. Perhaps it was a criminal act, for it has made some people rob-
- up to the standard in variety of matter this week. President Polk's message takes up a good deal of space usually devoted to news. But we are
- ** In one of our exchanges we notice that a correspondent, in giving his people to remain slaves to a little bit in the Chronicle on Friday. many reasons why he is an Alliance- of yellow metal for all time to come. man, says for one, that he is opposed It is calculated that all the gold in had been conducted like some of the to men buying wind and calling it cotton, wheat, pork or tobacco. Right everything else, in the world, could be you are brother, says the Tarboro Ad- put in a room 24x24 feet in size. So vocate.
- nut about "Does farming pay?" had must have nothing but a gold basis for

handles long enough to answer the question. It don't pay the farmers, the merchants the mechanics. But it does making millionaires of many of them.

- ** We pay annually about \$525, 000,000 tariff tax. We pay annually \$1,400,000,000 in interest on bonds and otherwise for the money we use. Don't it look like seven hundred and odd millions of interest in excess of tariff tax ought to demand more attention than the tariff?
- ** The Southern Mercury says the merchants of Texas are falling into line with the farmers and will aid them in every legitimate undertaking. The business men now see that the success of the farmers means their success The failure of the farmers means their failure and a general collapse.
- ** That "there is nothing more certain than death and taxes" you need not be told. So we simply insert this to direct your special attention to Sheriff M. W. Page's advertisement in another column. Don't fail to see the advertisement, nor forget to take it to yourself. It was intended for you.
- ** Mr. S. P. Foster, editor of the Elmer, N. J., Times, and Mr. Robt. R. Gwyne, editor of the Salem, N. J., Sunbeam, were welcome visitors at this office Saturday. They are very In writing to anybody, always be pleasant gentlemen and say that they are highly pleased with what they have seen of our State and its people.
 - ** It is not possible to give all or any considerable portion of the pro ceedings of the National Alliance this week. But watch most of the telegraphic news sent out by the Western Union and Associated Press. Much of it is sent by drunken bums who have not drawn a sober breath nor told the truth in five years.

THE SUB-TREASURY PLAN.

The Lenoir Topic is still engaged in making great air holes in the Sub-Treasury plan. The editor admits that it is a one-sided discussion, but says he is willing to go ahead for the benefit of his readers. We will be more generous with old man Scott and claim for him that it is a very able debate and he is holding up his end of the pole with as much dignity as could be expected.

In his last series Bro. Scott goes back into war times, which was before the writer was born, and tells a harrowing story about how the government issued between three and four hundred millions of dollars in paper currency with which to pay the Union soldiers. He claims that this was "unsound" money and became depreciated in value.

As a matter of course that was to be

expected. The Confederate currency

was depreciated and naturally people looked upon any new money with suspicion. More than that the government was involved in a war with a portion of our own people, everything was uncertain, no one knew what the result of the war would be. A well managed insurance company would not issue a policy to a man about to engage in a duel, and especially after the firing began. So it is no wonder that the currency was depreciated. borders. There is no prospect of a war ** Andrew Jackson said that the with any other country. With our national banking system would give bonds selling at \$26 premium and them a chance to make money scarce property worth many times the amount or plenty at pleasure. That is one of currency necessary to do the busireason you sold your cotton at 7 cents ness of the country, it is absurd for the Topic or anybody to assert that there ** It is said that the independent is danger of a depreciated currency form what can you expect? Don't be patriotism of every man who loves his

> No doubt Bro. Scott remembers the the amount of \$3 for every dollar of gold. The idea was that not more than one-third of this currency would be presented for redemption at one time. Now what was that based on? One dollar of every three had specie for a basis. The other two dollars was a 'promise to pay," by the government. The property of the stockholders was the security or collateral whichever you choose to call it. But we believe Thomas Jefferson and John C. Calhoun.

The Topic tells how the people kicked | refute the slanders. against the fiat money issued during *** THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is not the war. Gold became far more valable than the currency. Well, we "gold bugs" in this country. They have been here for a hundred years. existence, in money, jewelry and the gold bugs insist that the currency ** We had hoped that the old chest- of the world, with its billions of people, Governor Holt could have a chance to other side.

financial system in the world." Of to press. course it is. If it wasn't the gold bugs would be out of a job. But is it sound for the millions who are gradually to give an Alliance leader a chance to drifting into slavery?

A long time ago we had specie, we had "colonial money," our people used everything for a medium of exchange. We don't mean a thousand down very much in the estimation of years ago. One hundred and fifty years ago the skins of animals were we gave him time to come home and used right here in America for the purpose of buying lands. Yes, right here denied the interview. Now how is in America, now dazzling with modern | that for fairness? splendor, the land of dudes, millionaires and cranks. But within the past thirty years a banker came over from London. He had discussed the matters with his friends. He came with a bill which went through our Congress during the excitement of war, the "banker's association" was formed at Washington in 1862 and from that day the United States government has been a slave to a few men who have their thumbs on the screws. Some of them live in America, but not all. Hence some radical measure like the Sub-Treasury must be gotten through in spite of the powerful opposition and the flimsy arguments.

United States issues to-day with its promise to pay will pass in our borders for a hundred cents and we defy the Topic to prove that it would not.

CCL. POLK UNANIMOUSLY RE ELECTED PRESIDENT AT INDIANAPOLIS.

[Special to The Progressive Farmer.] Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 19, 1891. Col. L. L. Polk was to-day unanimous ly re-elected as President of the Nation al Farmers' Alliance and Industrial vote in his favor was absolutely unanimous. No other nomination was made for the office of President, and when the vote came it was made by one great acelamation amid the wildest enthusiasm and most tumultuous ap plause. To night at the Hotel English. President Polk was presented, by the California delegation, with choice fruits from California soil. The lob bies of the hotel were packed with people and the presentation was followed by short addresses from speakers representing every section of the country. All spoke on the line of general and absolute fraternalism. Sec downward to scratch its way down to its merited home.

MARION BUTLER. THE PARTY.

It is all right for men to be patriotic, to take interest in their party, to defend it if it is worthy of it. But there or who knows what a crisis the counsatisfied with a party that has nothing family, his liberty, his country. to bring reform. Make your party what it ought to be or make it sur- put out this week because he could not Democratic or Republican parties suggested a possible plan?

FAIRNESS.

Several times lately this paper has contended that papers publishing false

Baltimore Sun visited Raleigh and preservation. claimed that he interviewed Governor hear of that nowadays. There are Holt on the political situation. The Sun is a reputable paper. The article except gold is mentioned. Old man ance in North Carolina and also about

with gloves off.

refute the charges. He was absent at We have been between the plow ica. It is their delight. This is the did not appear in the Chronicle until partisanism.

way they dictate the policy of these gov- Tuesday morning, twenty-four hours ernments. They say "it is the soundest after The Progressive Farmer went

> Now how many newspapers in North Carolina would have waited four days say whether a thing was true or not We fear that the number is small. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in this instance could have put Gov. Holt thousands of people in the State. But write a card in which he emphatically

A SIMPLE RULE.

Subscriber, if you wish to know what you owe on your subscription, count up the number of weeks that have passed since the date on the label, multiply the number by 2, then de duct 1 for each 13th week and the re sult will show exactly the number of cents you owe us. Please count up and send in.

READ THIS.

As this is the last copy of The Pro-GRESSIVE FARMER that several of our subscrib rs will receive until they pay We maintain that any dollar the up, we will state that we will keep on file in this office a copy of this week's mailing list, which shows the date of expiration of every subscriber. We will go over the list and mark the amount due us opposite the name of each one in arrears, and we trust you will not conclude that we have cancelled the account because we cannot send the paper longer without your remittance. But remember we have run our credit to accommodate you, and that we expect you to be as prompt in settling this amount as you have expected us to be in sending the paper. Union, by the Supreme Council. The We need it, and trust we may receive

OUR THANKS.

To many of our subscribers we extend our sincere thanks, not only for their prompt responses to our calls in sending in their own renewals, but many brethren have put themselves to the trouble of looking up their neighbors who were behind and those who were not taking the paper at all, and sending in their names with their orders accompanied by the cash. We cannot too highly commend their actions to other orethren. When you read this ask yourself if this is meant for you. And if you know it cannot be, don't let another week pass before you can claim it, as we can send the paper next week tionalism was buried with its face only to paid-up subscribers. If you have not paid up, pay up this week or your paper will stop. We regret to do this, but you cannot blame us. We have given you fair warning.

----PRESIDENT POLK'S ADDRESS

It would hardly be proper for this paper to say much about the annual is an end to send things. The farmer message of President Polk to the who will work himself, make his wife | National Council in session last week. and children work to raise a crop of We merely rise to remark that every cotton or tobacco and sell it at prices man and woman in the United States that these products are now bringing, ought to read it with care, weigh the subjects and digest every particle of try is now passing through, and still it. No President of the United States or not stir himself to seek a remedy or any official has dared to deliver such a aid those who are earnestly striving to message within 20 years. Yet no one effect this end, is no man at all. Many can deny the truth of the facts or sit down and say, "Oh! if you will honestly oppose the sentiments ex vote for my party and work for it, all pressed. It is a clear presentation of ties have a plan to bring relief and re stand-point. It ought to arouse the

Our friend Bilkins was very much but he quieted down when he heard the reason. He will be on hand next

WE ARE TWINS.

It is very cheering to note the many telegrams and statements that were evidences of progress in the reform very improbable concerning Alliance movement. Perhaps nothing is as leaders had done so in a spirit of un good proof as the fact that in many fairness. In some cases the editors places the two old parties have comwere in a position to know that the bined to defeat what they term a in a national currency, furnished to alleged interviews were false. Yet "common enemy." This shows that the people according to the ideas of they seized every opportunity to pub- the two enemies that have been fight lish them and gave no one a chance to ling each other for thirty years are now in a desperate condition, and are Last week a representative of the ready to join hands for their own

But this is not all. They show by this the absence of any important issues between them. There is nothing made the Governor say some very hard having merit sufficient to engage in a sure our readers will find the message They loom up every time anything things about the members of the Alli- three cornered fight. So they combine and undertake to force the country to Scott is a "gold bug." He wants the one of the officers. It was reproduced submit to any other than honest government. In one county in Ohio Now if The Progressive Farmer money was sent to aid Campbell. But the managers decided to use it to aid partisan papers in this country, it McKinley. So you see they are very would have sailed into Governor Holt | friendly. If it is thought expedient to help the alleged enemy, it requires but What did we do? We waited until a wink and over goes the boodle on the

This all goes to show that his satanic been forever disposed of. But we see money. This suits the bankers of the Edenton Fair, and his card deny- majesty is running politics to suit himthe newspapers have taken it up again. France, Germany, England and Amering the sentiments attributed to him self. Oh! for more patriotism and less

His Address Before the Indianapolis interest, should command a premium Convention .-- A Startling Array of Facts and Figures.

To the Supreme Council of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union:

representatives of the farmers of almost | since 1866, in principal, premiums and every State and Territory in the Union, interest, almost double its original sum you can not be unmindful of the weighty and that it would now require more of responsibility which attaches to your the products of his labor to cancel the

islating for a great organization whose consumer, he stands the helpless victim success or failure may depend on your of an iniquitous system of taxation action. I feel assured that you will ad- which, while it enhances the cost of all dress yourselves to the task with that the products of his labor, forces him to deliberation, and patriotic purpose de- pay an unjust and onerous tribute to manded by the situaton the stupendous a favored class. interests that have been committed to your charge

our history, since the meeting of the agriculture, "the art of all arts, the Continental Congress has greater or science of all sciences and the life of all gr ver responsibility devolved than life," the true basis of all wealth and upon this assembly. Theirs was the of substantial progress, is rapidly high and exalted duty of establishing a declining and is threatened with republican form of government; yours, paralysis and death, and that, too, in the no less grand and patriotic duty of a period of the most wonderful de preserving it. Their demands for equal | velopment and growth in our county's rights before the law were no more the history. Profoundly impressed that his just protest of a liberty-loving people generous confidence has been basely against the exactions and usurpations | betrayed, his interests neglected and of monarchial tyranny, than are yours his reasonable appeals for justice ig. which were declared at St. Louis and nored, he has resolved, in a spirit of reiterated at Ocala against those ine- manly determination, guided by patriqualities and discriminations which of otic motive and exalted purpose, to threaten to undermine the liberties of the people and to destroy the great agri- ing ruin and restore that equilibrium cultural interests of the country.

But you are to be congratulated that like our continental fathers, while confronted with formidable forces and difficulties, you have the invincible power of right, of justice, of equity and opinion and ask for its decision through of truth to inspire and sustain you. Moreover, you have a unanimity and | dence to that lofty sense of justice and solidity of sentiment among the great and exalted patriotism which, in all conservative masses of the country as times of peril, have proved to be the a mighty reserve power, and which, if | crowning glory of American character. directed aright, must ultimately and his pleadings shall not be in vain. A inevitably achieve for our cause a readjustment of these conditions so as glorious success.

and development as an organization in ments of our civilization, is the sublime numbers, no phase of our progress has office of christian statesmanship-the been so marvelous and gratifying as in supreme duty of the hour. the education of the masses in the true | The existing conditions are not to be principles of political economy. The ascribed to indolence or thriftless imgray-haired sire, whose sinews and providence on the part of our farmers muscles have been toughened and we point to their broad and well-tilled hardened through a life of toil and fields and the abundant harvest which labor in the production of wealth, has crown their toil, and which, with an been forced, by unjust and oppressive exception of two years, have furnished legislation, to address himself to the annually since 1850, over 70 per cent. no less important problem of securing of all our domestic exports. Is it due a just and equitable distribution of to overproduction? The broad world that wealth. Diligent, honest and is our market and its teeming millions earnest research and investigation as our ready customers, and all over our to the causes which have brought the own fruitful and God favored land American farmer to the verge of bank- gaunt hunger, poverty and distress ruptcy and ruin has forced upon him stalk in unconcealed and appaling the alarming conviction that many of horror. the most sacred and important functions of the government have been situation which confront us as a people, usurped and appropriated for the and they must be met. benefit of the favored few, to the detriment and ruin of the neglected

THE SITUATION.

The gravity of the situation, the great unrest which is agitating the public mind and the magnitude of the interests involved, demand the most had confidingly entrusted the guarcandid and deliberate investigation and consideration. What are the alleged grievances of the American farmer? Are they real or merely theo retical?

Let the record answer. During the decade from 1850 to 1860 farm values increased 101 per cent. From 1870 to 1880, farm values increased only 9 per cent. But notwithstanding this alarming decline in this great industy, the aggregate wealth of in 1889, and laid them before Congress. the country, from 1870 to 1880, increased 45 per cent, and the agricul tural population increased over 29 per 1890, and while that body was yet in cent. From 1850 to 1860 agriculture session. They were discussed by the

The ten staple crops of the country, wheat, corn, rye, barley buckwheat, the country the tillers of the soil, hay oats, potatoes, cotton and tobacco, through their accredited representawill be well." But unless these par- the situation from a non-partisan for the year 1884, brought less than tives and by petition, appeared at 2 per cent. more than the same crops the door of our National Capitol and in 1866. Our cereal crops of 1867 from asked for relief. Under instructions less than half the acreage and half the from your body, a bill was formuamount brought the farmers \$79,711,000 lated and presented to Congress more than the same crops of 1887, not While no measure was ever presented withstanding that during this period to Congress with stronger indorsement the acreage and number of farm hands or more earnest unanimity, yet we achad doubled, and agricultural ma- companied it with this declaration chinery and implements had been "We submit this bill with due devastly improved. The farmer is ference to the intelligence, judgment, alarmed to find that within the last and wisdom of your body. decade agricultural lands generally claim that it is the best or the only have decreased from 20 to 40 per cent. measure through which relief may be

Owning less than 22 per cent. of the and distressed people, but we submit wealth of the country, the farmers pay it as the best we have been able over 80 per cent. of the taxes levied devise. We would be only too happy and collected. Two-thirds of the wealth to receive at your hands a wiser and of the country is not assessed one farth- better measure. But these suffering ing for purposes of taxation, and yet millions must have relief. They ask the government has the power to force for bread and they will not be content every tax-payer in the land to offer his with a stone. They are not asking life in defense of that untaxed wealth. With all his facilities for transporta- justice." tion, which are equal to the demands of the productive power of the country, respectful and reasonable appeal of the and his accessibility to marke s, he is people received by that body! This forced to sell his products at prices first appeal from those, who, while

tion of crops and home markets would proportion of which is encumbered conduce to his prosperity, he sees thou- with debt, yet who pay four fifths of sands of New England farms, within all the taxes-from those who support easy reach of great aggregations of the mighty frame-work of our govern consumers, absolutely abandoned to mental fabric-from those to whose the brier and brush.

In the great agricultural State of majority of the members of that body Iowa the mortgaged indebtedness on were indebted for their seats how was farms alone is \$104 per capita; in Kan- this approval of the sovereign people sas, \$165 per capita; in Illinois, \$100 received? per capita; and from Maine to the Rocky mountains, and from the lakes mittees to whom it was referred? to the gulf, the farmers are overbur- Was it reported to either House, either dened with debt. He derives little favorably or adversely? No. comfort, and it is not flattering to his any resolution offered in the Senate philanthropy and patriotism to rest calling for a report? No. Was any his hope for relief in better prices for amendment proposed to the bill? No the products of his labor, to the pre- Was any substitute offered for it? carious or occasional misfortunes of What became of the bill and petitions

lands. He fails to understand why a United away to the sleep of eternal legislative

PRESIDENT POLK'S MESSAGE. States bond, bought for less than 60 cents on the dollar, bearing 4 per cent. of 26 cents on the dollar, while a note secured by a mortgage on the average farm at half its value, bearing 8 per cent. interest, and due at the same time, could not be sold at its face value He is confounded and amazed to find Assembled here as the accredited that we have paid on our public debt remainder than it would, to have paid Entrusted with the high duty of leg- the original debt. As producer and

These gross inequalities and ruinous discriminations have aroused him to Upon no body of men, perhaps, in comprehend the startling truth, that rescue this great interest from impend between the great industries of the country which is absolutely essential to its well being and prosperity.

He has resolved to present his case before the supreme tribunal of public the ballot-pox. Appealing with confi to best subserve a uniform, healthful Wonderful as has been our growth and harmonious growth of all the ele

These are the conditions and this the

OUR DEMANDS.

Patiently, submissively, and uncomplainingly the farmers of the country toiled and struggled against the aggressive approach of invading poverty, and hoped in vain for aid and succor at the hands of those to whom they dianship of their interests. Addressing themselves anxiously and earnestly to the causes of the anomalous condition of affairs and aided by the light of his tory, they reached the solemn and deliberate conviction, that these oppressive conditions and environments are due to unjust and discriminating national legislation. Upon and in accordance with this conviction, they formulated their demands at St. Louis These demands were reiterated and reaffirmed by us at Ocala, Fla., in led manufacturing 10 per cent. in in- people with an interest and earnestness creased value of products. From 1870 seldom given to any subject in all our to 1880 manufacturing led agriculture history. They were advocated and in-27 per cent, showing a difference of dorsed by our Order with a unanimity 37 per cent. in favor of manufacturing. unparalled in popular agitation.

For the first time in the history of brought to our oppressed, suffering for charity, but they are der

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Was their bill discussed by the colu his fellows in other and less favored of a half a half million farmers asking